

Seghill First School Newsletter September 2026 edition 1

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Welcome back

We hope you have enjoyed a happy and peaceful summer break. It is great to see all of the children looking so smart in their school uniform. There has been a lovely calm atmosphere in school over the last 2 days.

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to everyone and a special welcome to our new children Lennon in Year 2, Kora in Year 1 and Frankie in Reception.

Our classes and staff are arranged like this-

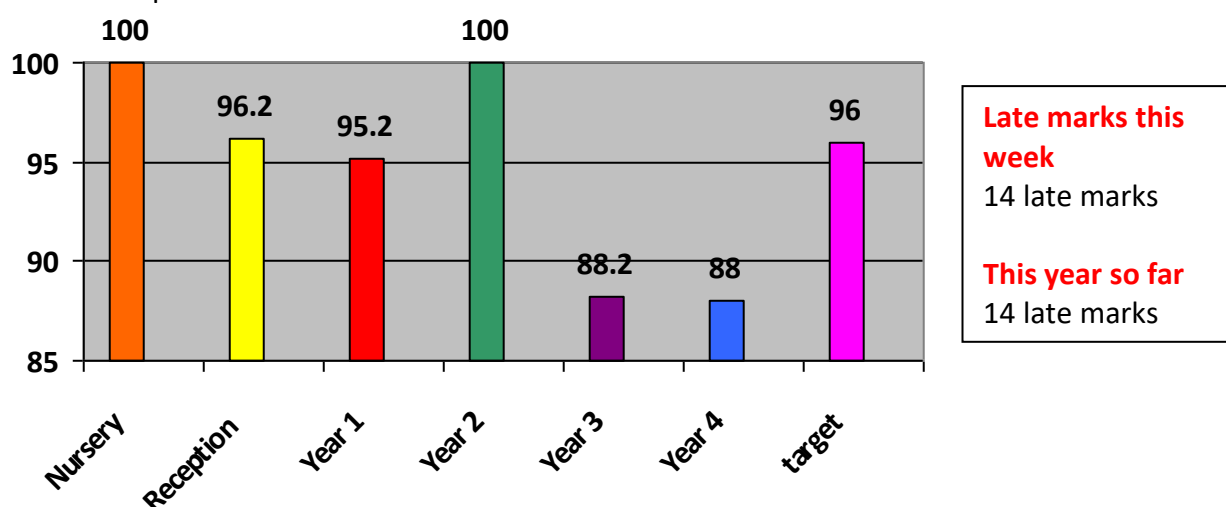
Year group	Class name	Staff names
Nursery class	orange class	Mrs Askew
Reception class	yellow class	Mrs Kembrey
Year 1 class	red class	Mrs Bell
Year 2 class	green class	Miss Winter
Year 3 class	purple class	Mrs Thomas and Mrs Watson
Year 4 class	blue class	Mrs Lyons

Mrs Ellison, Mrs Jose and Miss Welton provide additional support for children with Education and Health Care Plans (EHCPs) in specific classes as well as support across all year groups.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is **92.6%**, which is a disappointing start to the term and the school year. Two classes are class of the week this week, both with 100% attendance. They are Orange class and Green class. Well done **Orange class** and **Green class**. You will share the attendance octopus and you have had a dip in the sweet box.

Our winner for a **dip in the attendance prize box** as a reward for having 100% attendance and no late marks for the week is **Isaac** in Purple class. Well done Isaac.



Birthdays

We only have one birthday this week.

Luciana in Blue class is 9 tomorrow. Happy birthday Luciana.

We hope your birthday is special and fun.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Next week's menu

Week 1

Week 2

PE days for the autumn term A

Nursery Orange class	Wednesdays
Reception Yellow class	Wednesdays
Year 1 Red class	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 2 Green class	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 3 Purple class	Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Year 4 Blue class	Tuesdays and Fridays

Children should wear a **plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy shorts or joggers, trainers and their school sweatshirt or cardigan** to school on their PE days. Please ensure long hair is tied back for PE. Children cannot wear earrings for PE. If your child cannot remove their own earrings, they should not wear them on PE days. Staff are unable to remove earrings for children.

Parent workshops

Parent workshops will be taking place in week 2 on these dates at 9:00am-

Tuesday 08 September	Year 3 Purple class
Wednesday 09 September	Year 2 Green class
Thursday 10 September	Year 1 Red class
Thursday 10 September	Nursery Orange class and Reception Yellow class
Friday 11 September	Year 4 Blue class

Parents and carers will have a chance to work alongside their child at the class workshops.

Jeans for Genes- advance notice

Staff and children are invited to wear **denim** and pay a donation on **Friday 18 September** to support the Jeans for Genes charity. This charity does amazing work to support families where a child has a genetic disorder. We will be learning about genetic disorders and the work of the charity in assemblies in the next few weeks. This is a [link](#) to their website.



Wraparound

We are proud to offer both a **breakfast club** and **after school club**. Breakfast club starts at 7:30am and takes place in the Club Room. After school club takes place in the Red classroom and closes at 5:30pm. If you would like to book your child into either of the clubs, please do so using the Schoolcomms app. Sessions need to be booked **24 hours in advance** and need to be **paid for at the time of booking**. Children will be provided with a snack and a drink. Foods that we typically offer are cereal, toast, yoghurt, porridge, crumpets and pain au chocolat. We have small numbers at the clubs so staff will provide foods that the children like- within reason! Miss Welton will be leading all of the breakfast club sessions. She will also do some of the after school sessions, alongside other staff. Please drop your child off at the Club Room for breakfast club and collect them from Red classroom for after school club.

Contacting school

You can contact us in a number of different ways-

- Telephone 0191 2370419
- Email schooladmin@seghillschool.co.uk
- Text or email via Schoolcomms.

If you ring and there is no answer, please leave us a message on the answer machine. Miss Best works on her own in the office. She has to leave the office to take visitors around school, take information to different parts of the school or may be in a meeting or on another call. Miss Best will return your call when she returns to the office.

Diary dates

We will also be sending out the **diary dates** for the whole academic year to give you advance notice about all of our events between now and the end of July 2027. Please keep this at hand to make sure you know what is happening. Extra events may be added as the year progresses, but we hope you find this useful.

Drop off and collection at the classroom door

Children in all year groups should be dropped off and collected from the **classroom door**. Please make sure your child is dropped off and collected on time.

Dropping off at 8:45am

Doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am. Any children who are not in the classroom at 8:50am will be **marked as late**. Class teachers will keep the door open for any late arrivals who they can see, but if you arrive at the classroom and the door is closed, you will need to take your child to the **office** and sign the **late book**.

Communication with the class teacher at 8:45am

Between 8:45am and 8:50am it is the class teachers' priority to welcome all of the children safely into their classroom and supervise them while they organise coats and bags. Only some classes have a learning support assistant allocated to them, so some class teachers have to do this without support from another adult. With this in mind, teachers cannot have lengthy conversations with parents and carers at drop off time. It is not the case that teachers don't want to talk to you, but it simply isn't the right time.

If you have something important to tell the class teacher, please go to the school office and leave a message with Miss Best. She will inform your child's class teacher of your message. Your child's class teacher will respond to your messages as soon as they can, or they will speak to you at 3:15pm.

Collection at 3:15pm

Children will be dismissed from the classroom door at **3:15pm**. Please let us know in advance if someone else is collecting your child. We need to be informed by an adult, rather than by the children.

Information for parents and carers

We are sending home some forms for you to complete and return to school. They are-

- Pupil information form;
- Home school agreement;
- Photograph permissions and local visits permissions;
- Acceptable use agreement;
- Operation Encompass letter- for information only;
- Operation Endeavour letter- for information only.

On the letter with the forms, it says keep the home school agreement on the coloured paper. I forgot to ask for this to be copied onto coloured paper. Please kept one and return one. First blooper of the term- sorry!

We will ask you to fill in an additional medical form if your child has any medical conditions, requires medication, has allergies or specific dietary requirements (see section 4 of the pupil information form).

Please complete and return these forms to school by **Monday** so we can check and update your child's records.

Appointments during the school day

We understand that some children may need to attend medical appointments during the school day. If this is the case, please let us know about the appointment in advance by sharing the appointment details with Miss Best in the school office. This can be in the form of a letter or a text message.

Depending on the time of your child's appointment, please try to make sure they attend school for at least some part of the day. For example, if they have an appointment in Cramlington at 10:30am, they can come to school for the first part of the morning and return to school after their appointment. A school meal will be kept for them if this is something you would like us to do.

Early collection from school

Please see the information on page 3 if your child needs to leave school early for an appointment.

We would all like to get a flier on a Friday afternoon, but we do need parents and carers to provide a valid reason if they want to take children out of school before the end of the school day. We have to provide a minimum of 32.5 hours of education each week every week, which doesn't include a 2:00pm pick up on a Friday to get away to the caravan!

After school clubs

This half term our after school sports clubs are for Years 3 and 4 with the coach from Newcastle United Foundation and Years 1 and 2 with the coach from All Stars. Please refer to the letter sent home yesterday if your child would like to take part.

School meals and packed lunch

We offer an excellent school meals service at our school, cooked on site by our fantastic cook Mrs Rogage. We have a two-week rolling menu. A copy of the menu is on the front page of the school website. Please speak to Miss Best in the office if your child has any **food allergies** or **food intolerances** and we will set up a meeting with you and a food plan for your child.

Children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4

Parents and carers of children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 have to pay for their child's school meal unless they are eligible for Free School Meals. Meals cost £2.40 per day and need to be paid for using the Schoolcomms app. We are a cashless school and do not accept cash for school meals.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Parents and carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 do not have to pay for their child's school meal, as meals are provided free of charge due to the government's Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative.

How to apply for Free School Meals

Please do apply for Free School Meals via this [link](#) even if your child currently gets their meals for free in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you are eligible for Free School Meals you will also get **free milk** for your child and other benefits, such as **vouchers during school holidays**. We also get extra funding, which is spent on providing extra opportunities and resources for the children.

Packed lunch

Please pack a range of foods that your child likes. A few small things are much better than one big thing.

We do ask children to put anything they haven't eaten back in their packed lunch box so parents and carers can see what they have eaten.

Please don't include chocolate bars, sweets or pop in your child's packed lunch box.

Ford Castle meeting

Parents and children in Year 4 are invited to an initial meeting on **Monday 21 September** straight after school to find about this year's residential trip to **Ford Castle**. The visit will be in May 2027, so Mrs Lyons would like to talk to you about what the children will do while they are at Ford Castle and will be able to answer any questions you have.

Macmillan coffee afternoon- advance notice

We will be supporting the Macmillan charity by hosting a **coffee afternoon from 2:30pm on Friday 25 September** in the school hall. All money raised will go directly to Macmillan.

